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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

erial Nos. 100

Part B for Jeevan

SUBJECT

Allegation of mismanagement of the municipal affairs, Davan gere

L/S 190 & 14.12.45

To Dy. Collector

Issue instructions

Petition dt 15-11-44 (1) 3898

from one [illegible]

Mahamed Ali Sahib, Merchant, Davangere complaining about the mismanagement in the ~~Municipal Office~~ Municipal affairs

orders of the minister Incharge:-

'There seem to be a lot of complaints about the affairs in the Davangere Mun. The D C may be asked to send a note in the matter'

(Sd) HG

3/12

2) A memo is put up on the petition calling for a report from the D C Chitaldrug, as per above orders.

MA 7/12

3) 1) Done

4) 2) Given another file in which we have called for ~~a~~ a report from D.C. Chitaldrug in the same matter

SG 8/12/44

D 8800 L-5-666

9/12/44

5) There are two more petitions on file in one of which, the minister Incharge orders 'may be sent in enclosure' and in the other, he orders 'may be sent

complaints against the President, Davenport etc

to the D-E-L-4-3-8-L for a report in the matter

6) In view of the above orders
~~In orders, if~~ a Memo is putup on one of
the petitions calling for an immediate report.
subito.

mca 19/12 7) Appeal Tree
19.12.44

>88mw-L-606

20/12/44

Gus A
mca 20/12

Petn dt 28-12-44 from certain residents
of Davenport Iowa making allegations against
the local administration at Davenport

8) The D E was already requested
on two similar petitions
to submit a report in this behalf & Orders
of the Prime may not be awaited till the
end of this month.
mca
JDK 10/1 9) It is high time that a
reminder was issued to the
D E by Secret Wires

TYPI
11 J
GEN R V SECTT

10) A draft R is putup
mca
JDK 10/1 26919 Wires
11-1-45

Gus A
mca 29/1

11) orders of the minister beg on the letter NO-100/40-8-21-1-45 of the Presidents of the Dawrapee ml-cl re the interest of ml members on 28-1-45

12) "Action may be taken to expedite the work to be done" 2nd Hy 28/1

13) A-D-O R is put up

Ma 31/1 Hy Dawrapee 31/1 Hy

L7282 8 5-2

From

The D C, Cuttalong District

Letter no Ag C 134/44-45 of 1874/45

Forwards in original the report received from the Dist, Dawrapee, together with his remarks on the allegations

15) It is reported that the allegations contained in the petition are not borne out by the municipal records and that the ml council have resolved that they are false.

16) It is stated that the petitioners, on T Mohamed Ali himself has written on the face of the bill that the Pendal is put up by the Committees' resolution and that when questioned as to whether the writing on the bill was not his, he

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he accepted the same

17) The DC also reports that the allegations against the Pdt and the Executive of the Mlty are the outcome of a faction arising out of the actions of the Pdt and Mr Gopala Rao Carstairs (Municipal Councillor) in hastily prosecuting one Mr Boudade Hanumantharao, an Advocate of the place and a former municipal Councillor, on account of some personal ill-will against him and that the above matter is under separate consideration

18) Submitted for perusal and orders with reference to paras 1 and 12 supra

28/4 19) The DC's report is of perusal with reference to the order at para 1 of the note supra The petition is found to be the result of ill-will amongst the parties in the Mlty, that the allegations contained therein are not true and that the petitioner has failed The charges framed by the Law Dept in 3 charges

20) The allegations are considered to be false and may be rejected

21)

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR L S G & P H
Date 15 45
No 8815

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from the D.C. Chittagong
No A6 1341/44 dt 18/5/45
dts a report in the matter

petitions 16/5/45 from certain
residents of Baranguna in the matter
of subsidy

22) Complaints are
being received through petitions
and Telegrams from the residents
of Baranguna against the
present administration of the Pleader
M.D.C has been requested
addressed to submit a
report through the present report
of the D.C. deals with the entire
question, it is proposed if the
further report called for may also
be awaited.

23) On one of the petitions
now received, the minister Agg
has noted,—

"may be sent to the
Hd President for a report in the
matter."

(Sd) HS 23/5.

24) Memo is submitted accordingly,
of the petitions
d after the receipt
for the report

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by the from the D C chiefs of Police & the President of the Md Cl; the entire spectrum may perhaps be canvassed.

Mr 25/ Amended

27/5-26/ The report received from the D C chiefs of Police is for A permit

27/ A report will can be called for per him, in accordance with the orders of the Minister dtd / yes, early on / 9131 2+1-5, on the previous date, on the petition referred to therein

Lawrence for 28/5 May

28/ A fair penal The DC may keep a close watch on the municipal administration & of any unlawful acts committed or any notices done among & parties Jackson necessary action may be taken immediately

The C O should pay particular attention & Sanitation

OFFICE OF THE [illegible] FOR L S C & P H Date 29 5 45 No. 9545

Mr 6 2 55 29/ Sec Cos 31 5 45 29 [illegible]

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Complaint of 1,350 against the ml administration at Davenport

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30) Lhd with a draft + memo on the Petition for appl

HK 4/6 JOR

30) Same both for 7.6 us

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Eight telegrams received from the residents of Dangme complaining against the alleged high handedness of the local Mil presidents and Mil members in the Mil administration.

petition dt 12/5/45 from one Mr B Swatsingafia and several others of Dangme complaining against the local Mil administration

32) Orders of the minister Hq.

1) on one of the telegrams, — 'the D C may be asked to send a report in the matter" (sd) Hq 12/5

2) on the petition, — ' may be sent to the D C. for his opinion in the matter "

(sd) Hq 15/5/45

33) A draft letter is put up calling for a report within a week

Mil 21/5 33) Hq 21-5-45

To,

the D-C chitalong

Ref 11546 dt 29-5-45

calls for a report.

GHS A 250/6

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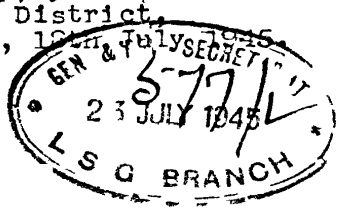
No A6 P R 44/45-46
Encl nil

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Chitaldrug District,
Chitaldrug, dated, 19th July 1945.

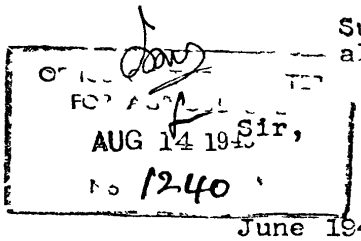


From

The Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District, Chitaldrug

To

The Additional Secretary to Government,
of Mysore, Bangalore



Subject, Petition of certain residents of Davangere town alleging mismanagement of Municipal affairs

Sir,

Adverting to your memo No L 12072 dated the 14th June 1945 forwarding for report the above petition, I have the honour to state that on similar allegations made previously reports have been called for from the President and that resolutions of the Municipal Council will also have to be obtained and that then enquiries into the allegations contained in the petition will have to be made It has not therefore been possible to send the report within a week as called for As the matter which is the outcome of party faction does not appear to be either serious or urgent, the final report to Government will be sent in due course after the report, with the resolution is received from the President

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District

35/ subject for personal further report will be awaited

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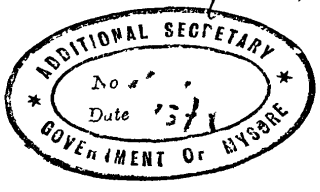
26/ Petitions complaining of maladministration of Municipal affairs at Davangere. Reports have been called for from the President. Further receipt is awaited



Addl Secy 11/8/45

37/ Minister for Agr 38/ DC may be asked PTO 13/8/45

Send a Confl report about the allegations
made. very Emy

29/8 DOW 30/8/45

Lt Burbury

39) subs to with a dft letter according
attached

TYPING SECTION
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40) Despatch
31/8/45

Issue no. 2 £ 1753
6/9/45

Calls for a Confidential
report in the matter

D C Entaldwg Visit
From the D-C Chitaldrug
Letter no A 6 P R 376/44 dd 20-9-45-
" " " / " " dd 20-9-45-

Ds a report in the matter

41) subs:-

Several complaints
have been received from

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certain residents of Dawangere against the alleged mismanagement of the municipal affairs by the President and the members of the Dawangere Town Hall. Several petitions and telegrams received were sent to the D.C. challenging it for a refute together with his own report. 42/ The reports now received by the D.C. show that there was faction in Dawangere Town during the presidentship of Mr Tambanna. The D.C. reports that he has since resigned his post as president of the Hall and that the municipal administration is going on fairly well. He also hopes that there will be improvement in the municipal affairs hereafter.

43/ In the above circumstances the D.C. says that no further action need be taken on the telegrams

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complaints against the mismanagement of
municipal affairs at Dawson

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE
NOV 19 1945
No 3004.

and petitions received in this connection

46) Submitted for perusal and orders with reference to paras 1, 28, 29, 32 & 38 supra

Mr a 45) The report received 7/11/45 from the D.C. Central Dist. is submitted for perusal with refce to para 38 supra. The D.C. considers that no action is called for, as the Municipal Council which had received its death blow during the Presidentship of the late Jan Smuts has disappeared owing to the resignation of the Mayor & that the normal administration of the Dist is going uniformly well in the area. The papers might be returned after perusal to the D.C. Central Dist for order - refce para 38 supra.

No action seems called for

Rec'd 14/11/45

Minister for Agr (Yes -) Dons 15/11/45

-The Dy Comm may be requested to keep an eye on the Civic admn of this important town

Dons 21/11/45

3/6.

And I see that this is a substantial improvement

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Will please

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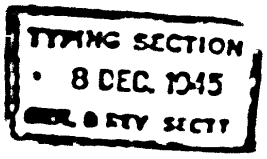
submit with a draft letter

in a

7/12/45

To,



the chief Secretary of-

Assam Govt

Shillong

Assam can issue instructions in the matter

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Mr. Meeran

Mr 38987 L

OFFICE OF THE [illegible] FOR L S G & P H
Date 5 1966
No 631

To

H B Gundappa Gowda , Esq , B A , B L ,

Minister for Local Self Government,

Government of Mysore

BANGA LORE

SECY LAW DEPT
GOVT OF MYSORE

Petitioner,-

T M Mahomed Ali Sab,
Merchant,
Thambak pet, DAVANGERE

Respectfully beg to submit my petition for your kind consideration and pray you to take such action or hold such enquiry as you deem xx fit

These few months, Davangere Municipality has been experiencing so many startling changes Theses changes have taken place after the advent of the present president There is no restaurant, no public resort wherein the talk of the Municipal affairs are not openly discussed

I have never been a Municipal Contractor at any time The President and myself being fairly well acquainted, often used tomeet now and then One day some two months back I was sent for by the President to the office The Chief Officer one Mr Krishna Murthy was also present They asked me to go to the Mysore Bank and get a Cheque cashed as they were busy with some work I presented the Cheque to the Bank of Mysore for payment and I received Rs 321-14-0 and tendered this to the President and the Chief Officer

Now there has been a good deal of talk about the Municipal affairs and one of the talks is that some bills have been faked up and monies not accounted for After making some enquires I found out that this bill is one such It seems this cheque along with some more have been got prepared as though some works have actually been done and the amounts sanctioned

I am a person not knowing English and did not know what the cheque meant It seems the cheque was prepared in my name as though I was entitled for the amount despite the fact that the amount was actually received by the President and Chief officer jointly These revelations later on frightened me because I am never a Contractor nor have I ever executed any kind of municipal work till to-day Therefore I think it best to bring to your notice this serious affair It is very regrettable that xx such things should happen in a Municipality.

(P T O)

Therefore I pray you respected Sir, to order an enquiry into this matter and take such action as you think best.

I beg to remain
Respected Sir,
Yours most obediently

DAVANGERE

Date 15-11-'44

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9/12/44

Forwarded with compliments to the deputy commissioner, chitaldrug district for a detailed report on the facts referred to in the petition

By order

Secretary to govt.
Law department

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
No. 4887
22 DEC 1944

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR L.S.G. & P.H.
Date 14 12 44
No. 213

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To

H B Gundappa Gowda, Esq., M.A., B.L.,

Minister for Local Self-Government,

Government of Mysore,

BANGALORE.

Respected Sir,

We the rate payers of Davangere beg leave to submit to you this humble petition with regard to the working of the Municipal administration these few months and pray you to interfere to prevent further mischief to the ratepayers

The present reconstituted Council was formed from the beginning of July 1944 with half the Councillors belonging to the Congress party One Mr Gopal Rao joined this party and thus they formed a majority with their own President Ever since then, the administration of the Municipality has been a tale of Victimization of the political opponents, harrassing the poor people who did not support them during elections, thus creating great discontentment and resentment among the public It might be necessary to catalogue a few of these activities to enable to understand the truth

In the first place they have been launching prosecutions recklessly against them for most negligible and imaginary irregularities In some cases refusing licenses to people who are unfortunately not in their favour causing considerable inconvenience and loss to them They have been putting in all sorts of needless objections

Secondly, the old Contractors who have ever since been engaged in Municipal Contracts have been disfavoured and new favourites, raw and inexperienced in the work have been chosen The previous Contractors have been practically ignored With view to favour one of their own man who has had nothing to do with the Municipal Contracts these many years has been made a favourite He has been given a contract of nearly a lack of rupees to Construct the Municipal Office This requires some explanation The peculiarity about it is that this person never applied for contract in time It is openly said by many here that the President and the defacto President one Mr Gopal Rao got this tender submitted after a lapse of 3-4 days from the 1st date of application Although this last tender was higher by more than Rs 10000/- than the lowest tender, these people have been putting up a stubborn fight to get the Government sanction They have made it a personal question and have been causing a good deal of dissatisfaction among the public We the ratepayers do not understand the motive behind this although various things are whispered in the town

Again the right of collection of fee from the shandy was publicly auctioned for Rs 12,000/- (The Contractor being one of their own man thought he would lose by this contract) To enable this person to escape, perhaps no muchalika was got executed although it is more than 5 months now, since he is collecting the fee Now there has been a good deal of trouble in this affair for omitting to do which was proper How good it would have been if the Municipality were attending to their legitimate duties instead of frittening their energy in attending to nonessentials

2-bobb Memorial with enclosures to the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District, in continuation of this Office memo No K5666 89-12-4 dt 22 Dec 1944. The matter may please be enquired into by the Deputy Commissioner personally and immediate report sent in the matter to this office.

Certain works completed at heavy costs a long many viz , a well at the Hindu graveyard and some drain in the Bethur Road have not stood a shower of 4-5 inches and they have been completely washed out and damaged This alone would put the Municipality to a loss of 3-4 thousand rupees There has been no proper supervision and management with this disastrous consequence

We regret very much to submit that this Mr Gopal Rao who belongs to a very small minor Brahmin community but, who is all powerful in the Council has been successful, in knocking away one of the biggest and best sites in Davangere on the ground that it is required for sectarian math This eminable site in the Prince Sree Jayachamaraja extension was preserved for a School for children of the extension The site which costs at least Rs 10,000/- has been granted for the said math whose devotees are only a handful This request of Mr Gopal Rao was deffnetely refused by the old Council on the ground that it was reserved for some school This would be a very severe handicap to the extension children who have no other good place for their school(for the extension is rapidly developing This grant is not consistent with the public need and the loss to the general public is certainly not made up with the spiritual or religious benefit to this very negligible community over-riding the requirements of a very a large public

These in short are some of the gifts of the present Council to the puolic- perhaps a foretaste of what is in store for the ratepayers We can only say that the trusteeship of the administration of the public funds has been one of betrayal no less than civic administration We have been feeling whether it is not desirable to revert to the old administration by Official President who would to some extent be impersonal Although this suggestion might sound retrograde, you might please understand the depths of the feeling of the public

May we venture to suggest to you in this connection that the Chief Officer of this Municipality one Mr Krishnamurthy has been working hand in glove with the Congress party and he spend most of his time in hatching plans in the Congress Office with the President and Mr Gopal Rao These are the Trin irrate of the Municipality ~~Mr-xx~~ His lieutenancy to these persons is not a little responsible to the sad tale of misrmanagement and misrule with the consequent discontentment here

Therefore We pray you to be good enough to enquire into these allegations and prevent further mischief before it is too late

We beg to remain
Respected Sir,
Yours most obediently

Davangere
Dated 14th Nov 1944

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Kallappa Mallappa Sagar
K Mahadevappa

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR L S G & P H
Date 3 1 45
No 829

To

Rajamanthra Pravina

H B Gundappa Gowda, B A , B L ,

Minister for Local Self Government

Government of Mysore .

BANGALORE

Respected Sir,

It is with a deep sense of sarrow We approach you to keep you in touch with the Municipal affairs which have become a source of great anxiety to the ratepayers and the well-wishers of the town The Congress party since it came to power in July 1944, there has been an increasing degeneracy set in the municipal administration The various sets of injustices and favouritism conceived in their party-meetings have been boldly executed to the bewilderment of the people These Congress people so loud and vociferous in their denunciations of the Government, have been behaving in a disgusting fashion without regard to public opinion and justice

To mention a few inewuities and enormities perpetrated by them within so short a period as 4-5 months takes the breath away If the whole statutory period of three years is allowed to run under their regime, Government alone must help us In the first place the question of about 40 cooly camps was taken up by the Congress party It is the misfortune of these 40 families to have their sheds by the side of the present president It is an additional misfortune that he should own some of acre of land and afew sites adjoining these sheds As the president has been a person choleraic and impatient temperament and rude to others, he thought it best to remove these sheds from the present locality which would automatically enhance considerably the value of his land and sites Even before he became the president, he was egging on the council to get those sheds removed on the specious plea that if these sites were put to sale would bring in revenue to the municipality The idea is that this removal would bring in added revenue to himself Thus these families (40) are under perpetual dread of the president- dread of forcible removal from there and the possibility of leaving the town itself These poor coolies have been there for many years paying ground-rent to the municipality

Compared to this, the solicititude towards the President supporters and henchmen is astonishing There is one Mr Gopal Rao, though not a strictly Congressman is a partisn of the President By his one vote he turned the scale of presidential election and by this one vote he is dictating the whole munici-

cipal administration In recognition of this servi
president conferred on him one of the biggest and mostm
sites in Davangere for a song on the pretext of a sectar
"Math" This was originally intended for primary and mi
schools for the extension children The whole of the beaut
and big extension has not a better site for schools with o
space Such a space costing at least 12-15 thousand rupee
been gifted away to him We will guarantee 12 thousand ru
Another thing is that a particular site was auctioned by t
municipality recently and this self same Mr Gopal Rao pur
it What is surprising is that he is given a greater area
published in the proclamation?

If you were to please compare the harshness wit
which the poor coolies are treated with the generocity of th
treatment of the supporters of the president, the entire thi
becomes clear Recently the same Councillors gifted away 6
the best sites to the supporters of the Council costing at l
Rs 15,000/- for a nominal upset price Now another big site
measuring 200' x 40' is decided to be given in the congress p
meeting to one Mr Basappa who is wealthy Congfessman at a no
nal upset price This would perhaps fetch at a modest calcul
on about Rs 10,000/- This would have been an accomplished fa
by bow but one of the noncongress members opposed it The
subject is still undisposed and it is only deferred The won
of itis that it adjoins the cooly camps which the president w
to remove at all costson the pretext that it would bring reve
to the municipality If so why this arrangement to donate th
big site to his party man? He already owns sites worth some
thousand rupees just by these sheds

Another thing, that there are number of coolies wh
were sold sites by the municipality years back which have been
sold by them in turn to other coolies Now the president wants
to resure these sites without the least regard to the private
rights of these poor coolies and forcibly remove the sheds built
at some cost and give the same to coolies who support him

There are some of the instances of the highhanded-
ness with which the municipal affairs are conducted It is the
ardent widh of the ratepayers that such things should not be
allowed by the Government We yet feel that there is yet Govern-
ment to put down these actions of this irresponsible and selfish
clique We fear that if steps are not taken at once to right
these wrongs, it will be the despair of all law-abiding people
this reckless disregard to law and justice for their aggrandise-
ment should not be tolerated. If these things are allowed to
suffer, the Government would be indirectly encouraging them to
perretrate such inequities and who knows that the best sites
might be distributed among themselves

Therefore We pray you

Therefore we pray you Sir to order a thoro.gh investigation into these various things and not to accord sanction to any of these resolutions of the municipality

We beg to remain
Respected Sir,
Your most obedient servants

DAVANGERE
Dated 28th Dec '44

S Rudrappa

J Lingi Singh

C S Tulsi Ram Singh

K. Hanumanthappa

Nagappa

To A6 C 134/44-45

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District,
Chitaldrug, dated, 18th April 1945

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From A C Nirvani Gowda, Esq, B A,
Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District, Chitaldrug

To C Narayanaswamy Naidu, Esq, B A, B L,
Legal Remembrancer and Secretary to Government,
Law Department, Bangalore

With reference to your memo No L 5666 dated 9-12-1944 forwarding the petition of T Mohamed Ali Sab containing certain allegations against the President, Town Municipal Council, Davangere and the Chief Officer re the expenses incurred in connection with a pendal put up on 11-9-1944 etc, and calling for a detailed report thereon, I have the honour to forward herewith, in original the report dated 14-12-1944 received from the Municipal President, Davangere which is self explanatory and to state as follows,

A notice was issued to T Mohamed Ali sab and Ambarkar Hariyappa to appear before me at Davangere on the 30th ultimo Accordingly they appeared on the appointed date and their statements were got recorded The statements of the Municipal President and the Chief Officer were also got recorded The petitioner T Mohamed Ali has deposed in his statement that he ~~kk~~ knows nothing about the pendal work but that however, he attested the bill for the work and received a cheque for the work, ~~exxxxxx~~ encashed it and paid the amount to the Chief Officer etc. I sent for the connected work records, the cheque book etc, and on examination, it is found that Mohamed Ali, the petitioner has written on the top of the bill in his own hand that the pendal is put up as per Committee's resolution etc, and has acknowledged the receipt of cheque No E 902019 dated 25-9-44 on the Bank of Mysore The bill and the acknowledgment passed by him were shown to him and when questioned as to whether the writing on the bill is not his, he accepted the same

In this connection, I wish to bring to the notice of Government that one Mr Bondade Hanumantha Rao, an Advocate of the place and a former member of the Municipal Council was hastily prosecuted by the Municipal Council on account of some personal ill-will between him on the one side and the President and Mr Gopal Rao (another

Municipal Councillor) on the other side, on the ground that Bondade Hanumantha Rao had offended against Municipal Laws and encroached on Municipal land by extending the construction of a building over the public drain Mr Bondade Hanumantha Rao has applied to me for redress against this prosecution and this matter is under separate consideration This hasty prosecution has created faction in the town The present petition and similar petitions containing allegations against the President and the Executive of the Municipality are the out-come of this faction

The allegations contained in the petition under reply are not borne out by the Municipal records and the Municipal Council have resolved that they are false The petition may in these circumstances be ordered to be filed

The petition received with your memo under advertence, the statements of the parties etc , are sent herewith for favour of reference

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District

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Received No 13

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
for L S G & P H
Date 18-5-45
No 1383

To,

Rajamantra Pravina,

H B Guncappa Gowda, B A B L,

Minister for Local Self Govt,

BANGALORE

Respected Sir,

We the citizen of Davangere, beg leave to submit to you this humble petition of ours in connection with the affairs of the Davangere Municipality and invite your kind attention to the mismanagement and misrule of the Municipality

The Congress party by virtue of its majotrity in the Council since July 1944 has set up an administration here to the consternation of all well-wishers of the town

At no time within living memory has such great discontentment been roused in the public mind because of the arbitrary and high handed administration The Public has patiently suffered these ~~four & five~~ months and time has now come when it can suffer no longer It is cruel to allow such a state of affairs to exist at all in this age

Once we were champions in the cause of ~~xx~~ setting up a non-official President. Many a time have we fought for it But now we have found to our bitter cost what it means' The administration has become personal with strong likes and dislikes

Naturally there ~~will be~~ are party rivalries and election animosities These rivalries and animosities have reached a climax here and those who had the misfortune to oppose the Congress or its present President have to suffer for this folly,—Systematic victimization and persecution of those who had the audacity to oppose the President or the Congress, and uniform dolling out favours to those who are his satellites We have already brought some of the charges to the notice of the Government and we regret very much that nothing has been done to relieve us of this kindof rule so far

We venture to suggest that it would be ~~xx~~ desirable to revert to the old system of official Presidentship atl least for some time more, We think that system would result in an impersonal rule and there will be no oppression or tyranny of any kind There will be wholesome respect for law and order which will be insisted upon by the Official President Poor people particularly have been very severely affected by the present rule of the Municipality Their houses in the Cooly Camp even those which have been purchased by them have been ordered to be forcibly pulled down without regard to their legal rights and the dumb and inarticulate section of the town has to suffer untold miseries They cannot take legal steps to exercise their rights Many of the opponents of the President have ~~suffer~~ to suffer many indignities Prosecutions are lightly launched and needless objections raised to those who desire to build houses It looks as ~~if~~ though the President with his henchmen has been given a blank cheque by the Government to have his own way to suit his whims and fancies It is not our purpose to catalogue our various difficulties but suffice it to say that our town which was once proud of its Municipality has now to seek Official interference to secure even-handed justice to all concerned We are strongly opposed to party rule in local bodies because it is inevitable that places of power are abused for personal ends Even if there should be parties political or communal, we believe it would be very desirable that there should be

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be some sort of check over these parties This check we humbly suggest would be to oppoint an Official President who knows law and who knows his responsibilities of his office for the time being

We may take this oppertunity of bringing to your kind notice that the patience of the public is well nigh exhausted and we look up to you for succour and help. We do not think you will be indifferent to the cry of those who are loyal to the Government and who have stood by the Government Let it not be said that the Covernment let them down badly If nothing is done to relieve us, we should only think that such injustices is inevitable and that we should suffer But we are sure of the good intention of the Government and we pray you to order the appointment of an Official President at a very early date and appease the growing discontentment of the public for which act of kindness we shall be ever grateful

We beg to remain
Respected Sir,
Your most obedientservants

B Swaling

DAVANGERE
Date 12th May 1945

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TO gundappa gowda
ex minister local govt Congress
municipal councillor gopalrao
construction contractor deputy
commissioners orders note 606
Marks secured both fraudulently -
by congress party

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3. The construction of a well at the Hindu grave-yard and some drain in the Bethoor road have not stood a shower of four to five inches and have been washed out and damaged

It is true that the well-work at the Hindu grave-yard -

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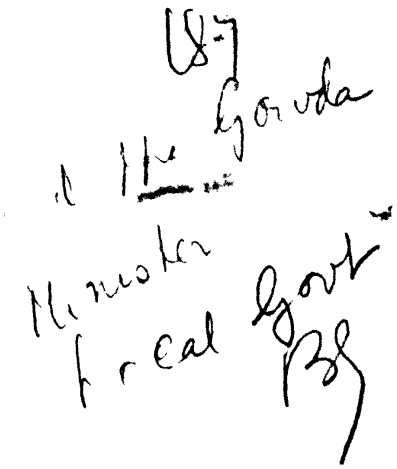

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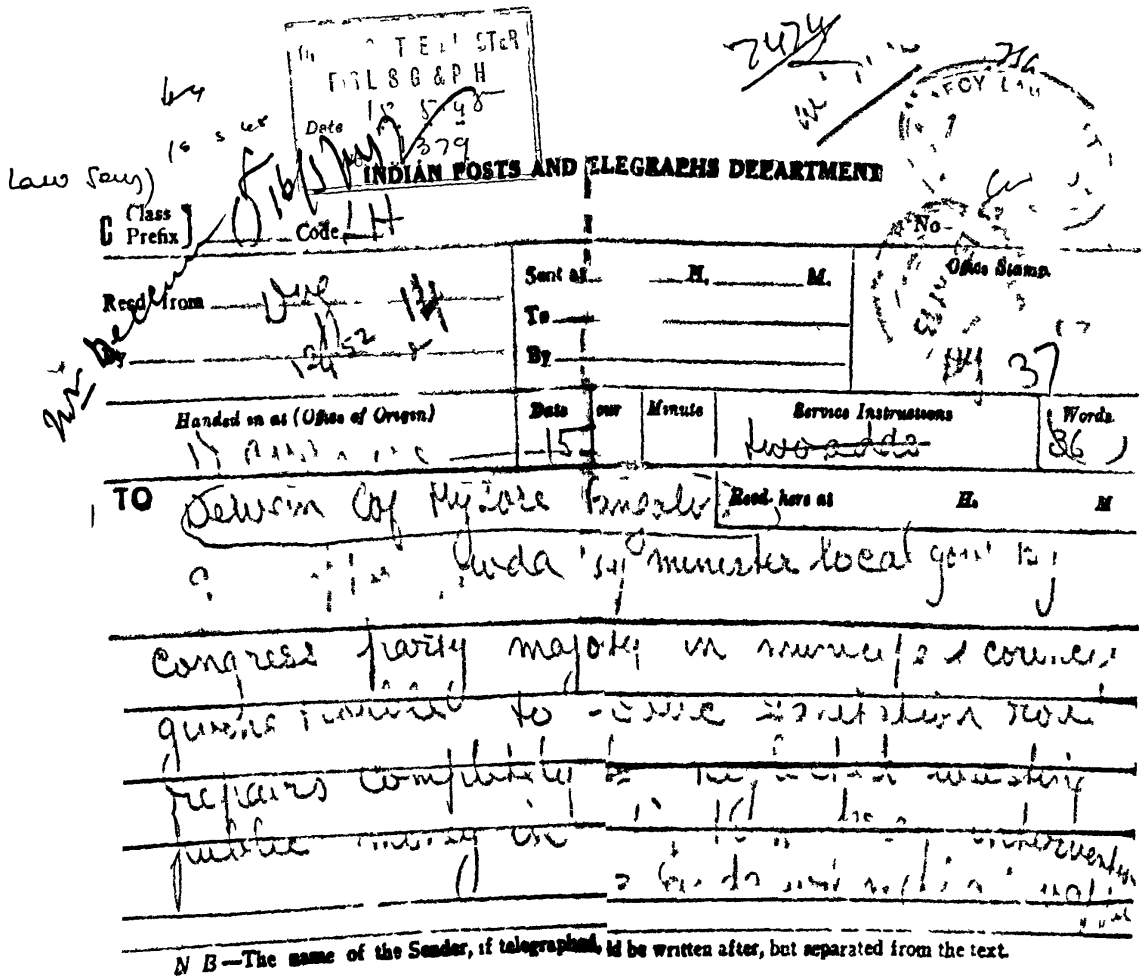

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TO Secretary of Mysore Bangalore

Congress party majority in municipal corporations

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
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TO Dewan of Mysore Recd here at 19H 50M

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TO Dewan Pq Mysore

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Congress municipal president & party misuse the power vested harrasing poor people & tax prayers pray intervention immediate suspension of municipality Devaramane Nagappa

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TO The Deputy of Mysore Bangalore

= Congress municipal president and his party people intimidating and causing harassment to voters with a view to have called for upset today immediate suppression of municipality = no-the Deputy

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No M6 1341/44 45 Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Encs as per table of contents Chitaldrug District,
Dated, Chitaldrug, 15th May 1945.

From

A C. Nirvani Gowda, Esquire, B A ,
Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District,
Chitaldrug

To

C. Narayanaswami Naidu, Esquire, B A , B L ,
Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Law Department,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No L.6066 dated 20th December 1944 and letter No L 6919 dated 11th January 1945, calling for a report on allegations of mis-management of Municipal affairs, I have the honour to state as follows -

In the petition sent with Memo dated 20th December 1944, the undermentioned allegations are made

1 A favourite has been given a contract for nearly a lakh of rupees to construct the Municipal office although his tender was higher by more than Rs 10,000/- than the lowest tender

This has reference to the resolution of the Municipal Council requesting for sanctioning of the contract of constructing the Municipal office in favour of Mr Balakrishna Mudaliar The Government have in their letter No 6137/mi 171 44-3 dated 21 12 1944 ordered that the lowest tender only of Messrs T N Veerabasappa and Gowdara Sankappa should be accepted.

2. No mutchalika has been obtained from the contractor of the right of collecting the fees from the shandy

It is seen that the right of collecting shandy fees was sold in public auction to one C K Siddappa for Rs 12,000/- on 17th May 1944 The mutchalika was taken on 9th November 1944 after a delay of nearly six months but the contracter has paid the khists regularly

3. The construction of a well at the Hindu grave-yard and some drain in the Bethoor road have not stood a shower of four to five inches and have been washed out and damaged

It is true that the well-work at the Hindu grave-yard -

collapsed on account of the unexpected shower of five inches on 1st November 1944. The contractor has not been paid fully for this work The President has been requested to forfeit the deposit and also the balance that is due to him and to get it repaired well. It is also true that the drain work costing Rs 1,930/- on the Bethur road was also damaged a little on account of this heavy rain A repair estimate at a cost of Rs 99/- to set it right was prepared and executed

4. A beautiful site in Jayachamaraja Extension which had been reserved for a school has been given away to Mr Gopala Rao, for the construction of a Brindavan

A petition from Mr B Hanumantha Rao was also received in this behalf and it was sent to the President for report. The report of the President and the resolution of the Municipal Council on this behalf are herein enclosed. The petition dated 30th March 1945 of Mr. Ambarakar Kariappa, a Municipal Councillor, opposing this resolution is also enclosed. A petition from the Rate-payers of Davangere dated 24th February 1945 opposing this grant is also enclosed Very many important and influential people of the town have signed this petition Another petition dated 22nd February 1945 received from the public of Davangere favouring the grant is also enclosed It is also signed by many important and influential people of the town. There is thus keen diversity of opinion about the grant of this site for the Brindawan There are a few incorrect statements made in the resolution of the Municipal Council on this behalf The Council has stated that they have not passed any resolution reserving this site for school buildings. It is ascertained that during 1935-36, a resolution had been passed reserving this site for the school The resolution book of 1935-36 is not found in the Municipal records and the President has been requested to trace the same. When a portion of this site was granted to Mr Eswarappa for constructing Sri Rama Temple, the Public Works Committee considered the aspect of reserving the full site for the school and then divided the site into two bits and gave one bit to Eswarappa and clearly resolved to reserve the other bit for the school. Secondly, it is stated in the resolution that there are no Hindu Temples in the Extension. Mr Eswarappa is already building Sri Rama Temple which is a Hindu

Hindu Temple. Thirdly, it is stated in the resolution that there are also more decent sites in the extension for the construction of school buildings There are no sites available in the extension When I inspected the site with the President, he said that there is no other site available and that the school building may be constructed in the maidan of the Government High School or on the land belonging to the Police Department. This is not acceptable As it is difficult to choose between a Brindawan and a school, the Municipal Council will be requested to select a suitable site for the school in consultation with the Education Department and then to consider the granting of the site to Mr. Gopala Rao for the construction of a Brindawan Further, the construction of a Brindawan requires the sanction of the Mudrai Commissioner The President has been asked not to give license for the construction of the same before Mr Gopala Rao obtains the sanction of the Mudrai Commissioner The statement of Mr Gopala Rao agreeing not to proceed with the construction of the Brindawan till he obtains the sanction is herewith enclosed

5 It is alleged in the petition that the Chief Officer has been working hand in glove with the Congress party A report has already been sent on this behalf with this office No A6-1341/44 45 dated 18th April 1945

In the petition to the Minister for Local Self Government dated 28th December 1944, the following additional allegations have been made -

(i) The President thought it best to remove the sheds of the coolies from the present locality which would automatically enhance the value of his lands and sites

A petition on this behalf by Kumbar Hanumanthappa and others dated 9th November 1944 through their counsel Mr B Marulappa had also been received in this office. The report of the President dated 20th December 1944 together with the copy of resolution of the Municipal Council dated 20th December 1944 and copy of resolution dated 29th September 1944 are herein enclosed. The Municipal Council have provided a separate cooly colony on the Hadadi road The place where the sheds are put up is in a locality which is not suited for the purpose. The people who are living in these sheds have put up

up huts unauthorisedly on municipal lands To some of those who were there for a ~~sumer~~ number of years, the Municipal Council granted sites in the Cooly Colony and they shifted And then others came in Some of them even began to rent out the huts Now there are 40 sheds on this site and only 18 of them have been paying ground rent to the Municipality They have no ownership rights on this land - and it is very desirable that these huts are also shifted to the Cooly Colony Though no reasonable sympathy can be shown to these people, still on account of their poverty, I am asking the Municipal Council to grant a site free of cost in the Cooly Colony to such of those people as have paid ground rent for over five years and also to grant to each of them a cash grant of Rs 25/- to enable them to put up sheds in the Cooly Colony and to evict the others. This will - solve the question which is pending for over many years.

(ii) The various sets of injustice and favouritism conceived in their party meetings have been boldly executed to the bewilderment of the people

In the Municipal Council, ten persons are Congressites, eight Independants and two Government Officers. Mr Govala Rao who is an - Independant gave his vote to Mr Jambanna and Mr Jambanna a staunch Congressite was elected as President It is true that these eleven people meet in a party meeting just before every meeting of the - Municipal Council and decide the course of action to be taken on each subject In contested subjects they take votes among these eleven - people in the party meeting If the subject is carried by a majority, then the minority are directed to vote for the subject in the -- Municipal meeting, on pain of disciplinary action being taken against them When the subject comes before the Municipal Council, all the eleven are compelled to vote for it and it is carried without much discussion The result is that if six people out of the eleven make up their mind to harm a person, then it automatically becomes a - Municipal resolution Such a course of action is strongly resented by the seven independants and they have complained to me on many - occasions, saying that on account of this procedure they are not - heard in the Municipal Council and they have lost interest in the Municipal administration, they being a minority Even two Councillors belonging to the Congress represented to me that this procedure was

was unfair, that they were helpless, that in every little matter of Municipal administration this procedure should not be applied, that it could be applied only in cases where a resolution was in accordance with Congress principles and that the indiscriminate adoption of this procedure was causing harassment to individuals

Mr Gopala Rao by whose one vote the scale of Presidential election was turned, has become a partison of the President and it is ascertained that it is he who has been guiding the President On account of personal ill-will one Mr B Hanumantha Rao was hastily prosecuted (This has reference to allegation in para 3 of the petition dated 14th November 1944) by the Municipal Council on the ground that he had constructed two buildings without license in one case and contrary to license in another case. The Municipal Council further filed civil suits against him and obtained an injunction not to - proceed with the further construction They have further resolved that these buildings should be got demolished These series of - resolutions against an educated and influential gentleman of the town have produced a shock on the people Mr Hanumantha Rao had appealed to me and the records were perused and they have been sent back for reconsideration by the Municipal Council, as the constructions by Mr. Hanumantha Rao did not in any way affect the sanitary laws The Municipal Council have also been requested to take one course of - action either Criminal or Civil (preferably civil) so that there may not be duplicity of action and unnecessary harassment to the party and consequent duplicate expenditure on the Municipal Council

The Municipal Council have further resolved that the building of One Mr Moti Veerappa should be got demolished though apparently he is constructing the building as per sanctioned plan. He is also a very wealthy and influential man of the place A report has been called for by Government on this behalf in letter No L 10768 dated 30/A April 45 and the same will be submitted separately The - Municipal Council have, as stated above, granted a site to Mr Gopala Rao for the construction of a Brindawan in the teeth of opposition These matters have created faction and commotion in the town

The sanitation of the town was not good during the time

time of the Chief Officer Mr. Krishna Murthy Rao and I am asking the present Chief Officer to attend to this intensively.

I have inspected this Municipal Office on 11th May 1945. The normal administration of the Municipality is going on fairly well but for the sanitation of the town, which I trust the present Chief Officer will tackle intensively. After the advent of the present President, it is a sad feature that party factions have arisen and it cannot be helped as he and his party Councillors are not amenable to advice and as there are not sufficient grounds, at present, for taking action for supercession Individual cases of hardship created by this Council on the strength of their -- majority votes, will have to be set right in the interests of the poor and the just. Whenever such hardships are brought to notice, suitable action will be taken to redress the grievances

The enclosed records may kindly be returned when done with.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District.

mms.

By registered post

SEC & R V SECTION
2736
26 MAY 1945
To
L S G BRANCH

REGISTERED
For L S G & P H
Date 23 5 45
No 1401

Rajamanthra Pravina,

H. B. Gundappa Gowda, B. A., B. L.,

Minister for Local self Government

BANGALORE.

Respected Sir,

We the ratepayers desire to bring to your notice about the partiality of the Municipality in the Congress party which forms a majority with the support of one Mr. Gopal Rao, a non-Congressman.

The Council has granted a very coveted and valuable site measuring 2600 sq. yds in Sri Jayachamaraja extension costing about Rs 25000/-. In fact there have been offers for 10 to 15 thousand rupees already. The site was reserved for primary schools by various resolutions of the Council since about 1935 when Mr. H. C. Subbarao, the Subdivision Officer was the president. This extension is fast developing into a town itself and a proper and suitable site is necessary for primary schools. The Education authorities are also of the openion that this site is the only proper and available site in the centre of the extension. There are no other big sites to suit this purpose. Even the public work's Committee has resolved some two years backm that this should be reserved for schools.

This Gopal Rao had applied for this site before he became a councillor. But this request was not complied with. After he became a councillor and voted with the Congress party this site was granted to him in utter disregard of the public needs. On this score there has been a good deal of public agitation and dissatisfaction but to our regret Government is not doing anything at all to allay the public feelings. The Deputy Commissioner recently held an enquiry and inspected the spot. We do not know what has been done in the matter.

This site has been granted for the purpose of construct ing some Madhwa Sectarian Math. These Madhwas form a very small and negligible minority. These people have already been given by the Municipality some 1250 sq. yds of very valuable land for their Math etc Now to further grant 2600 sq. yds of land reserved for Schools is to say the least scandalous.

This Mr. Gopal Rao without obtaining any license either from the Municipality or from the Muzrai Commissioner began constructing the Math with a view to present the Government and the Public with a fait accompli ' as he was aware of the strong opposition in the town for the granting of this site. We have no objection for his building anywhere but in this big land reserved for the schools he cannot build. The Deputy Commissioner held an enquiry about this and he was convinced that the municipality had suppressed all the previous valuable evidence in order to oblige Mr. Gopal Rao ignoring the paramount needs of the public. Responsible and respectable people deposed before the Deputy Commissioner and he was convinced of the strong public feeling in the matter.

We therefore pray you sir, to cancel the grant of this site to Mr. Gopal Rao and alleviate the discontentment of the public or to order a surcharge of Rs 20000/- upon the Councillors who are responsibl for this unjust and unjustifiable gift to the detriment of the public. The Council being a trustee of the public funds has betrayed the public by this breach of trust. We pray you to issue orders at once Cancelling the grant before it is too late.

DAVANGERE.
Dated 16-5-1945.

We beg to remain
Respected Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Mothi Veeraiah

Krishna Rao P

Neelu Rangappa

J S Siddaramappa

G Basavaiah

A M murugayya

N. Mariyappa

N. Swayogaiah

K Ganadhara

N A Shanmappa

M Gangadharayya

Chandrappa W.

Shantaveera Gowda

A R Seshappa Setty

G. Sanjeevappa

K Mastulu Siddappa

S Swamy

C R Narasimha Bhagavan

Kallappa

R Siva Sankarappa

R Ramachandra Rao

M A Kollar

B M Shivayogi

B S Walimbe

G Nagappa

R Shankar Rao

S K Bandekar

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Diary No of letter replied to

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 29/5/45

Signed by Mr G R Dar

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A copy of the petition please

List of enclosures

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No 2-11546

To Secs & Telegrams & petition with enclosures

the D C Chittagong

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith 8 telegrams (in original - to be returned with the reply - received from certain residents of Dacca Town and a copy of the petition together with its enclosure (in original) received from one Mr B. Swaminathan and others, complaining against the alleged mismanagement of the local municipa

affairs
~~Dominican matter~~ by the President and
the members of the cabinet and to
request you to submit a detailed
report together with your opinion thereon
in the matter within a week

Yours truly

John Bassett Moore

GEN & REV SECRT
8274
14 JUN 1943
L S G BRANCH

To

Rajamanthra Pravina,

H. B. Gundappa Gowda, B A , B.L. ,

Hg Minister for Local self Government

BANGALORE

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR L S G & P H
Date 11.6.45
No 1187

Respected Sir,

We the citizens of Davangere beg to submit to you about the mismanagement of the Municipal administration and the consequent abuse of power by the President To substantiate our allegations we cite the following instances which speak for themselves

The Municipal affairs are coming to a crisis owing to the total negligence to sanitation, roads and town improvement and to the extraordinary interest evinced in the affairs of their opponents Instances of partiality towards the supporters of the Congress party and virdictiveness against their opponents may be multiplied by dozens We shall cite only a few

(1)

The Congress party backed up by one Mr Gopal Rao a non-congressman dominates the entire Council and the " Independents " have become so helpless (because of their minority) as to cease to attend the meetings Their opinions are totally disregarded however sane and well-intentioned This Mr Gopal Rao has so worked-up the Congress party that he holds the balance of power between the two parties His support has become indispensable to the congress to have a majority and the whole working of the congress is to secure this invaluable support of Mr Gopal Rao

With a view to oblige and help him for these services, he has been granted 2600 sq Yds of land reserved for schools for a trifle Costing Rs.20000 There has been a great deal of agitation of the public on this score and the authorities have held an enquiry also. The municipality

The municipality has not put him in possession of this land nor has it granted any license to build As he proposes to build some Math, he ought to obtain permission from the Muzrai authorities. In the absence of any of these things, he is expediting the work of Construction with a view to present the authorities and the public with the " fait accompli " and stifle all opposition The municipality has allowed to proceed with construction without let or hindrance

(2) One Savanur Murugappa son of one Lalatappa purchased some municipal site and before the Government accorded sanction to these sales and without license has been building his house This house is just opposite the President's house. No action has been taken against him because he happens to belong to the particular Math of the President

(3) One Kogundi Gurunanjayya in Chamraja pet has completed construction of his house without license He is a congress supporter No action is taken against him

(4) One Mr Bondade Hanumantha Rao who was the congre president here and who resigned during the August disturbances of 1942, has been building his houses. In one case he obtained a license and began his basement work in the expectation of a license For some trivial and silly technical mistake, the municipality has been harassing him these 7-8 months The remedies simultaneously pursued against him are (a) criminal prosecutions (b) Injunction suits in the civil courts (c) demolition proceedings These various serious and drastic remedies are simultaneously resorted to, particularly when no questions of encroachemnt or violations in building regulations are alleged

(5) One Mr Moti Veerappa has been building a cinema theatre at a very great cost He particularly happens to be anti-congress The congress municipal party has been

been persecuting him and he's resolved to pull down his building on a false allegation that he has encroached on the municipal land They have no documents to prove it Besides they have prosecuted him

These are some of the instances to which we have invited your kind attention They prove beyond a doubt how supporters are favoured and opponents persecuted

The great interest evinced by the congress party in punishing their opponents is amazing indeed They have neglected all their legitimaate duties Not even the usual sweeping is attended to. Deep ruts in the most important roads dangerous to the public is a standing disgrace to the municipality Drainage is absolutely unattended to with stinking smell Town improvement is unknown to these irresponsible people. The municipality has no time or inclination to attend to sanitation etc , but are busy with a establishing a reign of terror here

Therefore it is absolutely necessary in the proper administration of the municpality and the safety of the public that some drastic action is taken at once The Government must make up its mind to end this deplorable state of affairs by superceding the municipality for some time at least to make these people more sober

Davangere
Dated 6thn June 1945

We beg to remain
Sir
Your most obedient servants

B Swvalingappa
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The D C Chitaldrug Distt

Sir

With reference to Correspondence ending with your letter no A6 1341/44-45 dated 18/5/45 reporting on the allegations of mismanagement of Municipal affairs in Davanagere, I am directed to request you to keep a close watch on the Municipal administration and if any irregularities are committed or any injustice is done owing to Party factions, necessary action may be taken immediately. The Chief Officer may also be directed to pay particular attention to the Sanitation of the Town

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For Law Secy Mysore

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Dear Sir,

I am desired to invite reference to your letter no A 6 P R 44/ces 8/8/7/45 re the petitions from certain residents of Dawanga. Thru re the allegations against the mismanagement of native affairs and to request you to send a confidential report in the matter, immediately.

Yours faithfully,

The D.C. Chitalungolo

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District,
Chitaldrug dated 20th September 45

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To

J B Mallaradhya, Esq., B A ,
Additional Secretary to Government
of Mysore, BANGALORE

ADDITIONAL SECRETARY No 2417 Date SECRETARIAT GOVT OF MYSORE

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With reference to your letter No L 11546 dated 29-5-1945 forwarding eight telegrams received from certain residents of Davangere Town and a petition signed by M/S B Sivalingappa and others, complaining against the alleged mismanagement of the Local Municipal affairs by the President and the Members of the council and calling for my opinion in the matter, I have the honour to state as follows -

In the petition and the eight telegrams sent, the undermentioned allegations are made

1 In the Municipal Council, the majority of councillors are congressmen and its President a staunch congressite By virtue of its majority in the council, owing to ill-will, some of the residents have been prosecuted owing to arbitrarily and high handed administration

2 Mr Gopala Rao, a councillor is constructing a Math contrary to the orders of the Deputy Commissioner as he is a councillor supported by the congress party in the council

3 The legitimate duties of the Municipality have been neglected etc

With reference to the above allegations, the President, of the Davangere Municipal Council, in his No H C 152/44-45 dated 29-8-45 has reported as follows -

1 The signatories to the petition are the relations of Mr B Hanumantha Rao, against whom prosecutions have been launched by the Municipal council and applications for injunctions have been filed in the Civil Courts

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2 Mr Kothi Veerappa, who has sent two telegrams, has been constructing a ~~kk~~ Cinema theatre contrary to the approved plan of the Municipality and prosecution has been launched against him Mr Andarur Mahadevappa who has sent two telegrams is the father-in-law of Mr Kothi Veerappa andis living with him Devaramane Nagappa one of the signatories of the telegr m, has damaged the Municipal drain and on theissue of a notice, the drain was set right.

The President has stated that the allegations are thoroughly unfounded.

Regarding the prosecution laurched against Mr B Hanumantha Rao and the other allegations contained in the 8 telegrams and the petition, a detailed report has been submitted ~~by~~ in this office letter No A6 1341 of 44-45 dated 18-5-1945

As regards the prosecution launched against Mr Kothi Veerappa a detailed repo.t has been submitted in this office letter No A6 44-45 2557-319/ dated 13-9-1945

During the time of Mr K T.Jambanna as President of the Davangere Town Municipal Council there was party faction in the Town He has since resigned his post as President of the Municipality and it is hoped there will be improvement in Municipal affairs hereafter The normal administration ofthe Municipality is going on fairly well.

Under the above circumstances no further action need be taken on the 8 telegrams and the petition and as such they may be kindly filed

The eight telegrams, the petition received with your letter under reply are returned herewith for as desired A copy of letter No. H C 152/44-45 dated 29-8-45 received from the President of the Municipality is also enclosed herewith for favour of reference

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District

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Copy of the letter No T.C 152/44-45 dated 29th August 1945 from the President, Town Municipal Council, Davangere to the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District, Chitaldrug.

With reference to your Memo No A6.376/44-45 dated 8-6-45, calling for a report regarding certain allegations made in the telegrams and petition addressed to Government, I have the honour to invite your reference to this office letter No T C 152/-44-45 dated 13-6-45 stating that the matter was placed before the meeting of the Municipal Council held on 20-6-45 and the same was referred to the standing Committee of the Municipal Council The Standing Committee have resolved at their meeting held on 3-8-45 that the President is authorised to send a suitable report on the petitions

In this connection, I have the honour to state that Re the main tenor of the allegations, that the present Municipal council has been victimising some of the residents, there have been no instances of victimisations as alleged

The petition has been engendered by the employees of the relations etc , of some of the persons who have been prosecuted for unauthorised constructions As the instances in point, some of the signatories to the petition are the relations of Mr B Hanumantha Rao, against whom prosecutions have been launched by the Municipal Council and application for injunctions have been filed in the Civil Courts

Mr Lothi Veerappa who has sent two telegrams, has been constructing a Cinema Theatre contrary to the approved plan of the Municipality and prosecution has been launched against him Besides Re the encroachment the records have been sent asreport called from Government Mr Annanur Mahadevappa who has sent two telegrams is the father-in-law of the said Lothi Veerappa and is living with him Devaramane Nagappa one of the signatories to the telegrams damaged the Municipal Drain and on the issue of a notice as per provision of the Municipal Act, the drain was set right

In view of the foregoing it can be seen that allegations have been set on foot by disgruntled persons and are thoroughly unfounded

Ex The petition and the telegrams are herewith returned

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Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug Dist

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District,
Chitaldrug dated 20th September 45

To

B.Lallaradnya, Esq , M A ,
Additional Secretary to Government
of Mysore, BANGALORE

With reference to your Memo No L 12072 dated 14-6-45 forwarding a petition received from certain residents of Davangere Town, complaining against the alleged mismanagement by the Municipal President and the members of Davangere Municipality and calling for my report in the matter, I have the honour to state asfollows -

In the petition received the undermentioned allegations are made

1 The majority of councillors in the council are congressmen and on account of the vote of Mr Gopala Rao, a staunch congressite became a President Mr.Gopala Rao is practically a defacto President On account of ill-will, the powers are abused and the people harrassed

2 The legitimate duties of the council are neglected, prosecutions have been launched for trivial reasons etc ,

A detailed report has been submitted in this office letter No A6 1341/44-45 dated 18-5-45 regarding the allegations made in the petition Another report bearing No A6 2557-319/44-45 dated 13-9-45 regarding the launching of prosecution against Mr Othi Veerappa by the Davangere Municipality has also been sent

There was party faction in the Town during the regime of Mr K T Jambanna, President of Davangere Municipality who is a staunch congressite He has since resigned his post to his Presidentship of Davangere Municipality and it is hoped that the Municipal administration will improve now I have inspected the Town several times and made enquiries The normal administration of the Municipality is fairly good and the sanitation of the Town also is fair

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Under the above circumstances, no action need

petition which may kindly be filed.

The council has resolved that the Town Municipality may be converted into a City Municipality. Separate proposals will be sent in the matter.

The Petition received with your Memo under reply is returned herewith as desired.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District

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26 MAY 1945
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L S G BRANCH

To

Rajamanthra Pravina,

H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA, B.A. B.L.,

Minister of Local self Government

BANGALORE.

Respected Sir,

We the citizens of Davangere have to repeatedly bring to your notice the affairs of our Municipality.

Date 23-5-45
No 1470

The Congress party came to power and has its own President because od the vote of one Mr.Gopal Rao. But for his vote, the whole thing would have been a different affair. Mr. Gopal Rao has made his position very indispensable to the Congress party and has been practically a defacto president. The congress party has been openly abusing its powers and has been harassing its opponents in various ways and favouring its supporters.

The Deputy Commissioner held an enquiry on 30-3-45 and scores of respectable persons went and substantiated the various acts of ommission and commission. As these acts are allowed to go unchecked, they are further emboldened to go headlong to the dismay of the public. They have entirely neglected their legitimate and proper duties. Sanitation has been completely left to itself. Constructive works like, reads, drains, markets, clearing have been unknown to them Launching of hundreds of prosecutions, resolving to pull down buildings of their opponents for very trivial and meaningless reasons, oppressing the poor coolies for not supporting them, using the municipal Lorry for private reasons and these and many more have been their daily activities.

This big town is suffering untold miseries. The president-practically illiterate, rules the town to suit his whims and fancies. The town is growing under this autocratic and highhanded administration. The president and his supporters have been openly talking that being the congress people do not care for the Government or their orders and that they might be dealt with impunity

We feel that we have been handed over to the care of these who have no conception of even sense or responsibility. ~~some~~ maniacs. Perhaps it is not the desire of the Government to allow peaceful citizens to suffer their hardships. People have been openly expressing that the Government has not abdicated their powers to these irresponsible persons without ever so much as ~~the people badly without interfering at all.~~ putting a check on the manifest abuse of powers

We humbly submit the following suggestions;-

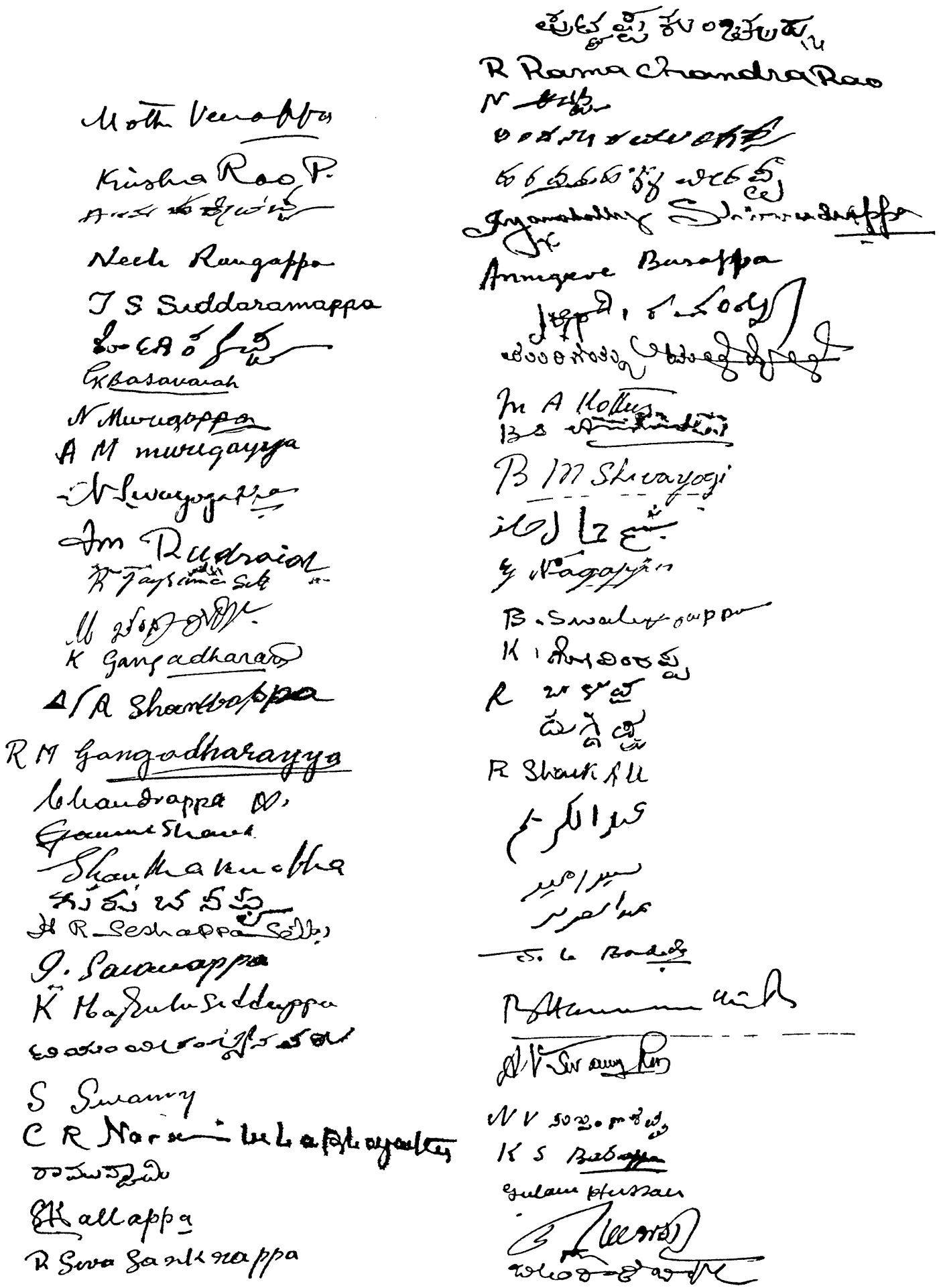
1. Supercession of the Council for sometime to make these people more sober and as an example to others to administer themselves and to the benefit of the public
2. Converting this municipality into a city municipality with a commissioner of an assistant commissioner's grade.
3. Until any of these suggestions is accepted, we ~~further~~ humbly suggest that the nonofficial president be removed and an official president be appointed at once.

Unless something is done at once, we fear that the people may rise in revolt against the municipal authorities, and most unforeseen consequences may result, particularly when God intends doing nothing to help the public in matters municipal

DAVANGERE.

Dated 16-5-1945.

We beg to remain
Respected Sir,
Your most obedient servant.



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Forwarded with compliments to the Deputy Commissioner, Chittaloorg Dt to obtain and forward report ~~from the president of the Dawangere Town municipality~~ in the matter within a week.

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By order

for Secretary Law Dept
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(*Continuation sheet draft form*)

To, 16-12-45

The D.C. Chittal Mysore

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. A6 P.R 376/44-45 dt. 9-45 forwarding a report on the allegations made by certain residents of Davangere Town, on the ~~alleged~~ relating to maladministration of municipal administration at the place, I am directed to ~~return~~ request you to keep an eye on the conduct administration of this important Town and see that there is a substantial improvement in all directions in the municipal affairs.

Records accompany

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Sir,

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